

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Junichi Hayashi	Confirmation No.:	3926
Application No.:	10/762,038		
Filed:	1/20/2004	Examiner:	Jin Cheng Wang
For:	IMAGE-PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM FOR DISCOURAGING ILLEGAL COPYING OF IMAGES	Art Unit:	2628

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION / AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir / Madam:

Final Office Action was mailed October 30, 2006 with a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from the mailing date of the final Office Action. Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time. Applicant also hereby submits a request for continued examination (RCE). Furthermore, Applicant requests entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.